

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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POLLUTING INDUSTRIES
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that polluting industries are still running in the country as per the report published in the daily 'Punjab Kesari' dated September 27, 2002;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether no action has been taken in the matter despite complaints received by the Central Pollution Control Committee; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (Shri T.R.BAALU)

(a) to (d) As per the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court in CWP No.2677/85, under the supervision of nodal agency, Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and Delhi Development Authority (DDA) have been directed to close all the polluting units functioning in non-conforming/residential areas or zones.

In compliance of the said order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, nodal agency constituted by the Court, identified 27 'F' category (as per MPI-2001) industrial activities. In addition, Government of NCT of Delhi identified 33 'F' category industrial activities. All the identified industrial units operating in non-conforming areas of Delhi and falling under these categories have been closed down.

As per the survey conducted by Government of Delhi in the year 1996, there were 38,936 'F' category industrial units operating in non-conforming areas of Delhi. Out of these units, the units falling under F/27 and F/33 categories have been closed down in Delhi.

Based on the complaints received in the Delhi Pollution Control Committee, 506 number of industrial units under F-27/33 operating in non-conforming areas have been closed down.